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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
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Invention Title
**RAPIDLY EXPANDING COMPOSITION FOR
GASTRIC RETENTION AND CONTROLLED
RELEASE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, AND
DOSAGE FORMS INCLUDING THE
COMPOSITION**

Inventors
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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office communication mailed June 4, 2007, for the above-identified application.
2. Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of June 4, 2007, which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response expires on December 4, 2007. Please charge the **\$1,050.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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